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HOUSE BILL NO. 227

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC PRINTING: Removes certain exemptions relative to public printing requirements for certain state agencies

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 43:31(B)(2), relative to public printing; to remove certain  
3 exemptions from certain public printing requirements; to limit certain exemptions  
4 from certain public printing requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 43:31(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §31. Printed matter prohibitions; uniform standards; election material

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9 B.

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11 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to ~~printed matter used~~  
12 ~~by the following entities: the Department of Economic Development for the purpose~~  
13 ~~of attracting new industry to locate within the state of Louisiana; the Department of~~  
14 ~~Culture, Recreation and Tourism, relative to new promotional materials; and public~~  
15 ~~colleges and universities, and vocational-technical schools~~ printed by or caused to  
16 be printed by:

17 (a) The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, provided that the  
18 printed matter is a leaflet or postcard designed to promote culture, recreation, or  
19 tourism.

1                    (b) A public institution of postsecondary education, provided that the printed  
2                    matter is a leaflet or postcard designed to promote the institution.

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# DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes, from the requirement that public documents contain specific information regarding the cost of publishing and printing the documents, the exemption for the Dept. of Economic Development and restricts the exemption for the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and certain postsecondary educational institutions to promotional leaflets and postcards.

Present law requires all printed matter, except documentation in connection with proceedings of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government, printed or caused to be printed by any branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government, to contain a specific statement concerning the cost of publishing and printing the publication. Present law requires the following three factors to be utilized in computing cost data: (1) preparation of the public document for publication; (2) printing, including all expenditures for reproduction, whether on bid or in-house; and (3) circulation, including all estimated expenditures for postage and distribution of the public document.

Present law exempts from present law printed matter used by the Dept. of Economic Development for the purpose of attracting new industry to locate within the state of La.; new promotional materials of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; and public colleges and universities, and vocational-technical schools.

Proposed law removes the exemption for printed matter used by the Dept. of Economic Development for the purpose of attracting new industry to locate within the state of La. Proposed law changes and restricts the exemption for the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to leaflets or postcards designed to promote culture, recreation, or tourism and changes and restricts the exemption for postsecondary institutions to leaflets and postcards printed or caused to be printed by a public institution of postsecondary education to promote the institution.

(Amends R.S. 43:31(B)(2))